GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2514
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PAEDIATRIC SURGEONS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are only one thousand Pediatric :

(b) whether several Medical Institutions have expressed serious concern over the indifferent attitude on the part of the Government and lack of awareness amongst the masses about Paediatric surgery in the country; and

(c) if so, the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) There are 22 institutions in the country conducting M.Ch. (Paediatric Surgery) course with an annual intake of around 50 admissions. Besides, the National Board of Examinations is also conducting course in Paediatric Surgery and awarding degrees to the students trained in the accredited hospitals. There is, however, no definite information available with regard to the actual number of Paediatric Surgeons in the country as the Medical Council of India and the State Medical Councils make only one time registration of Medical Practitioners after they pass MBBS course.

(b)&(c) No, Sir. As per the Section 10 A of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and the Regulations framed thereunder any medical institutions desirous of opening a course in Paediatric Surgery may do so provided they fulfil the minimum requirements laid down in the Regulations of the Medical Council of India.